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# PRIORITY CLAIM

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- ☐ no such applications have been filed.
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1) **FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM:** I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached	
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9609521.1	GB	08 May 1996 (08.05.96)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9621314.5	GB	09 October 1996 (09.10.96)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2) **PROVISIONAL PRIORITY CLAIM:** I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Provisional Application Number(s)	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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3) **U.S./PCT PRIORITY CLAIM:** I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
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